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signed from the University of Chicago to join the Harvard staff, will have charge of this new work, and during the summer of 1915 will establish a camp in the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado. Five weeks of introduction will be given, beginning early in August and closing about the tenth of September, and this course will be credited at Harvard University towards a degree.

The party will be limited in number, and opened only to those men who have had at least an introductory college course in geology. Under the direction of Dr. Atwood the party will actually conduct a piece of geological survey work, and at the close of the season have the opportunity of an expedition through the high mountain area. The field chosen is remarkably rich in its range of geological phenomena, in mining interests, and in scenic features. The equipment of the camp is provided for by funds furnished by the visiting committee of the department which will reduce the cost to each student to his share of the actual living and moving expenses associated with the camp, and it is estimated that these expenses will not exceed one hundred dollars for each member.

Applications for membership in this party should be addressed to Wallace W. Atwood, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., before May 1, 1915.

The usual field work offered in Montana and conducted under the endowment of Robert W. Sayles and under the direction of Professor J. B. Woodworth will be offered during the coming summer. That work will begin early in July, and close in time to permit those who wish to join the Colorado party. The combination of the two courses permits the student to spend ten weeks under instruction in the Rocky Mountains during the coming field season.

The following members of the visiting committee were present at the meeting when these plans were approved: Messrs. George B. Leighton, George P. Gardner, Guerdon S. Holden, Livingston Davis and J. Walter Wood.

#### *THE SUMMER MEETING OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA*

THE society has accepted the invitation of the authorities of the University of California and Leland Stanford Jr. University to hold a special meeting at Berkeley and Stanford University, August 2-7, 1915, in affiliation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The following topics have been selected for particular discussion during the geological meetings: (1) Erosion and deposition in arid climates; (2) Diastrophism of the Pacific Coast; (3) Petrological problems of the Pacific area.

The sessions of Monday and Tuesday will be held at the University of California and that of August 4 at Stanford University.

Excursions under the leadership of local geologists will be organized during the remaining days of the week as follows:

Thursday, August 5, to Point Reyes Station, Marin County, for an examination of the San Andreas earthquake rift.

Friday, August 6, to Mussel Rock, San Mateo County, by the Ocean Shore Railway, for an examination of Pliocene strata, the type section of the Merced formation and post-Tertiary deformations of the coast.

Saturday, August 7, two excursions will be provided; one by the Oakland, Antioch & Eastern Railway (electric) to Mount Diablo for an examination of the Mount Diablo overthrust and the succession of Tertiary strata; and the second to Santa Cruz by the Southern Pacific Railway for an examination of uplifted marine terraces.

More extensive excursions may be arranged for the week following the meeting.

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#### *SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS*

DR. ADOLF VON BAEYER, professor of chemistry at Munich, being eighty years of age, has retired from the active duties of his chair.

THE Daly Medal of the American Geographical Society has been awarded to M. Paul Vidal de la Blache, professor of geography at the Sorbonne, Paris.